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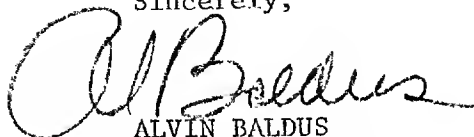
Dear Mr. Hitz:

I recently viewed a television program on Iran narrated by Carl Rowan. During the course of the program Mr. Rowan commented that U.S. intelligence sources had cut off contacts with members of opposition political parties in Iran at the request of the Shah and as a result of this, the U.S. was caught with very little warning of the political struggle which has developed.

I am wondering if you can confirm or deny this report. If it is true, I would like to know why the U.S. was convinced to alter its procedures normally used in gathering intelligence in a country as strategically important as Iran.

I would appreciate your comments on this matter.

Sincerely,


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